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Power Restoration Progress Slow But Steady

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Numbers continue to improve across the parts of Nebraska struck by December ice storms, although progress is slow at this stage. Bertrand received line power Thursday morning, removing it from the list of communities on generator power. The Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) brought two more transmission lines back into service, and the number of households without power across the area also dropped.

Communities still powered by generators now include Inland, Hildreth, Holdrege, Wilcox, Funk, Loomis and Kenesaw. Rural customers who remain without power now number approximately 4,000-4,500, down from an estimated 6,000-7,000 on Wednesday.

NPPD still has 20 of 37 transmission lines left to repair, but progress continues steadily there. Kearney remains on two of its normal five transmission supply lines.

Snow and sleet is predicted for central Nebraska for the weekend, but unless conditions are worse than expected the weather should not significantly hamper restoration efforts.